

COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)

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TOPIC Brand Airfield

EVALUATION see below

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DATE OF CONTENT 1 to 12 April 1952

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DATE PREPARED 30 April 1952

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1. On 1 April 1952, jet bombers made individual flights at Brand airfield. [redacted] were identified on four planes. From 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on 2 April, there was flying by jet bombers. The weather was partly cloudy. About 11 a.m., three jet bombers flying in wedge formation crossed the field at an altitude of about 50 meters. The planes were fitted with auxiliary fuel tanks. The landing of these planes could not be observed from [redacted] point of observation. On 3 April, 18 type-27 and type-30 planes and 1 biplane were observed. No other planes were parked at the field. There was flying by jet bombers from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Groups of three aircraft each took off in such a way that a plane began to taxi when the preceding one had become airborne. The three planes would then assemble in wedge formation and remain aloft for 20 to 30 minutes.

On 5 April, the same number of planes was observed at the installation as on 3 April. In spite of good weather there was no flying between 5 and 7 April. Between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. on 8 April, jet bombers continually practiced flying.

On 9 April, [redacted] observed from great distance that there was flying at the field. [redacted] (1)

2. Twenty-one railroad tank cars were seen on the siding of the field at 2 p.m. on 3 April, and six railroad tank cars were seen at 6:30 a.m. on 12 April. (2)
3. There was no flying at the field on 7 April. On 9 April, individual jet bombers, including the plane marked by No 01, practiced take-offs. There was no flying on 10 April. Between 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on 12 April, 14 jet bombers were observed at the aircraft dispersal area. During the time period mentioned, only one plane landed at the field.
4. On 10 April, a conference was held on the installation of runway lights at the field. The conference was attended by Captain Hironenko (fnu), an unknown lieutenant colonel who was known as the airfield commandant, a captain who wore silver-bordered blue epaulets and a senior lieutenant who wore gold-bordered blue epaulets. The officers had a book of about 200 pages from which they read directives for the construction work scheduled to be started on 15 April. (3)

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5. Soviet personnel of the field stated that a long train loaded with AA guns was unloaded at the Brana freight station during the night of 7 and 8 April. (u)
On 10 April, five railroad tank cars arrived at the field from Miosa port. (2)
6. Since 7 April, the gate of the installation has been guarded by an officer in addition to the three soldiers usually posted there. On 12 April, this officer checked all incoming vehicles and passengers.

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- (1) [redacted] comments.
The report indicates that Brana airfield was still occupied by a bomber regiment, only 18 aircraft of this regiment have been observed since early March 1952. The location of the nine other planes which previously were stationed there, has not been determined.
- (2) The arrival of these railroad tank cars has not been reported [redacted]
The tank cars observed on 12 April may be identical with those which reportedly arrived from Miosa on 10 April.
- (3) For sketch of the system of runway lights, see Annex.
- (4) According to other information, the train concerned was definitely loaded with AAA personnel and AA guns which came from Pechin. [redacted]

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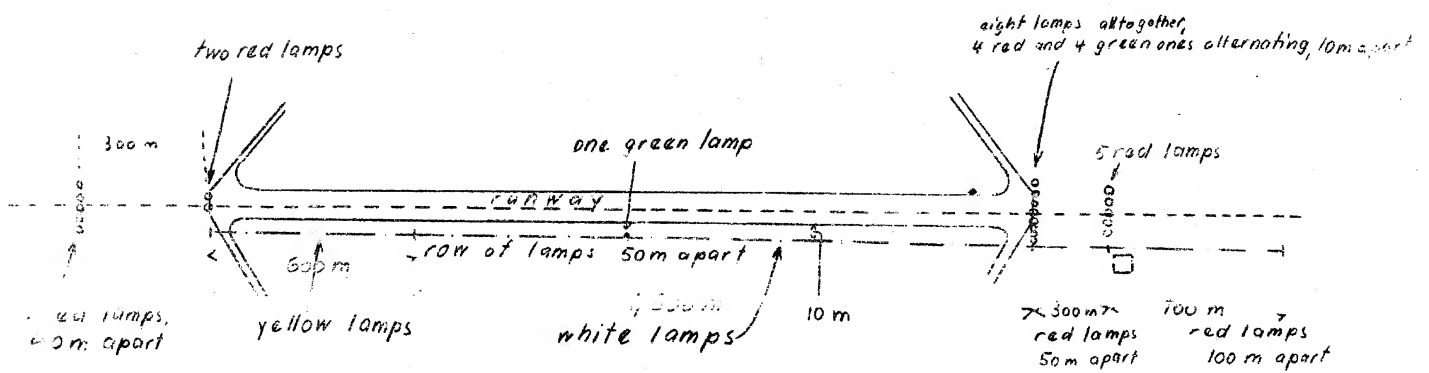
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System of Runway Lights at Brand Airfield

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